

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A traction apparatus comprising:
 - a. an elongate member with a longitudinal first axis;
 - b. a first friction surface which moves along a second axis, said second axis is substantially parallel to said first axis;
 - c. a second friction surface which moves along a third axis, said third axis is substantially parallel to and offset from said second axis;
 - d. means for driving said first friction surface;
 - e. ~~means for applying pressure between~~ said first friction surface and said second friction surface contact said elongate member; and
 - f. a roller which applies force to said ~~means for applying pressure spans~~ said first friction surface and said second friction surface, wherein said roller ~~means for applying pressure~~ is continuously supported.
2. (original) The traction apparatus of claim 1 wherein said elongate member is a cable.
3. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 2 + wherein:
 - a. said first friction surface is a first continuous chain, and
 - b. said second friction surface is a second continuous chain.
4. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 3 + wherein said roller ~~means for applying pressure~~ is a plurality of rollers.
5. (original) The traction apparatus of claim 1 wherein said means for driving includes a hollow center worm pinion, wherein said friction surfaces have synchronous motion.

6. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 3 ~~2~~ wherein said roller is pressure means-being travel limited allowing initial said cable feeding , said first continuous chain and said second continuous chain maintain a minimum opening distance, wherein an end of said cable feeds into said minimum opening distance.
7. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 3 wherein first ~~the~~ links of said first continuous chain and second links of said second continuous chain are staggered.
8. (original) The traction apparatus of claim 4 wherein said plurality of rollers are supported with a structural collar.
9. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 7 wherein said roller means for applying pressure is continuously supported against said cable by at least 10% of said first links or said second links.
10. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 7 further comprising means for pushing said first links against said cable and allowing said first links to rotate without interfering with said cable.
11. (currently amended) A method of applying traction, the method comprising:
 - a. providing an elongate member with a longitudinal first axis;
 - b. moving providing a first friction surface along a second axis, said second axis is substantially parallel to said first axis;
 - c. moving providing a second friction surface along a third axis, said third axis is substantially parallel to and offset from said second axis;
 - d. driving said first friction surface; and
 - e. applying force to spanning said friction surfaces and said second friction surface with a roller means for pressure, resulting in continuous traction on said elongate member cable.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said elongate member is a cable.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein:

- a. said first friction surface is a looping chain, and
- b. said second friction surface is a second looping chain
- c. said friction surfaces are looping chains.

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